



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Year B

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 and Psalm 125

Isaiah 35:4-7a and Psalm 146

James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17 • Mark 7:24-37

Do not ... crush the afflicted at
the gate; for the LORD pleads
their cause ...

Proverbs 22:22ac, 23a

Peter and John Healing the Cripple
at the Temple Gate, detail

Rembrandt
Cooper-Hewitt
New York, NY



Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

Isaiah 35:5-6a



Healing of the Ten Lepers -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

The LORD watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow
... Praise the LORD!

Psalm 146:9a, 1a

Charity Bazaar for Widows and Orphans

Library of Congress
Washington, DC



My brothers and sisters ... if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in,

James 2:1a, 2

and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there,"

James 2:3a

have you not made distinctions
among yourselves, and become
judges ... ?

James 2:4a

Homeless

Jens Galschiot
European Parliament
Brussels, Belgium

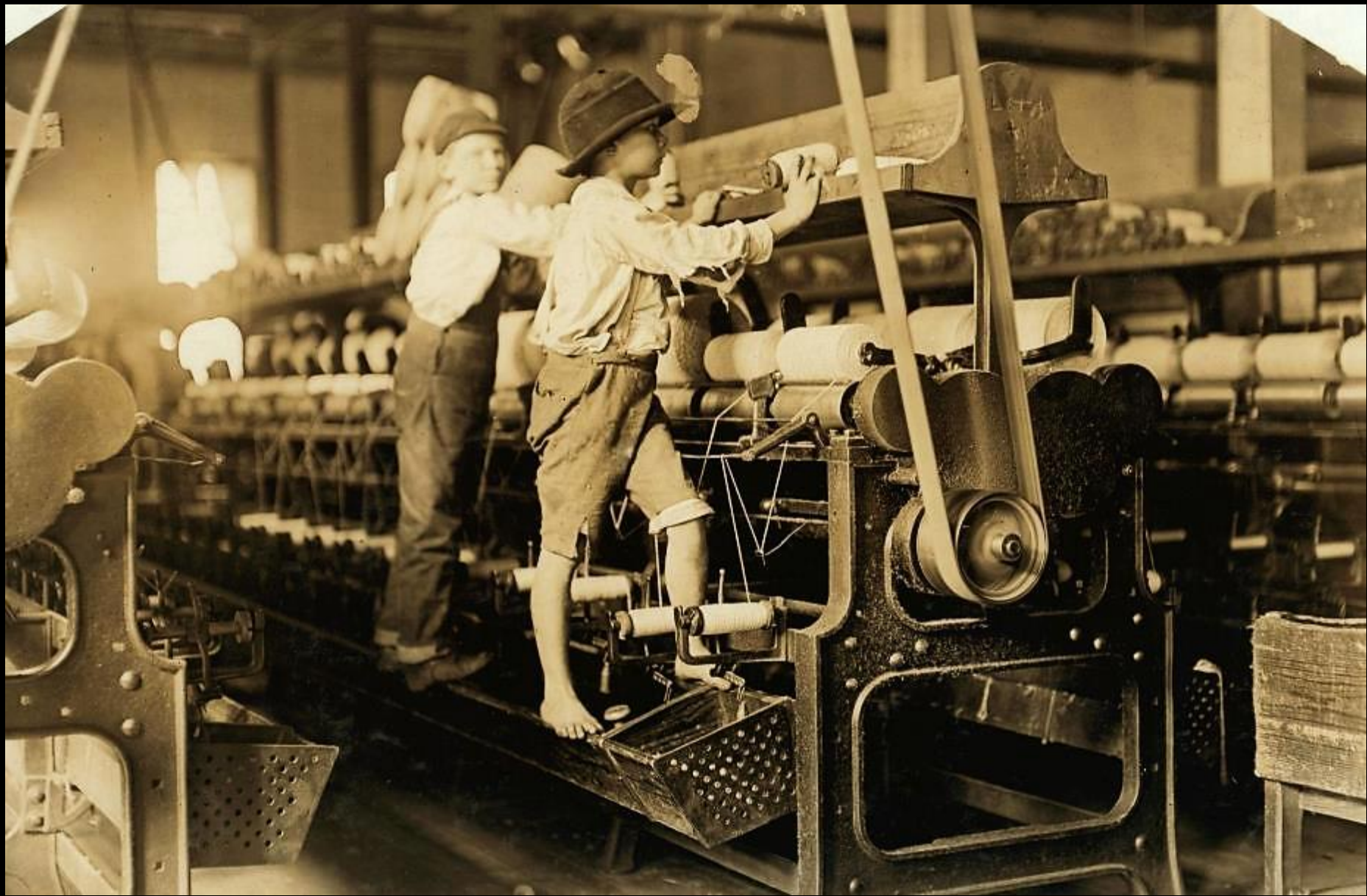


Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom ... ?

James 2:5b



The Rag Collectors -- Eugène Laermans, Museum Dhondt-Dhaenens, Deurle, Belgium



Mill Children in Macon -- Lewis Hine, Library of Congress, Washington, DC

[Working in the
Cotton Fields]

Earle Richardson
Smithsonian Museum
of American Art
Washington, DC



You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

James 2:8



Migrant Farm Workers -- Mural, Coit Tower, San Francisco, CA

If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?

James 2:15



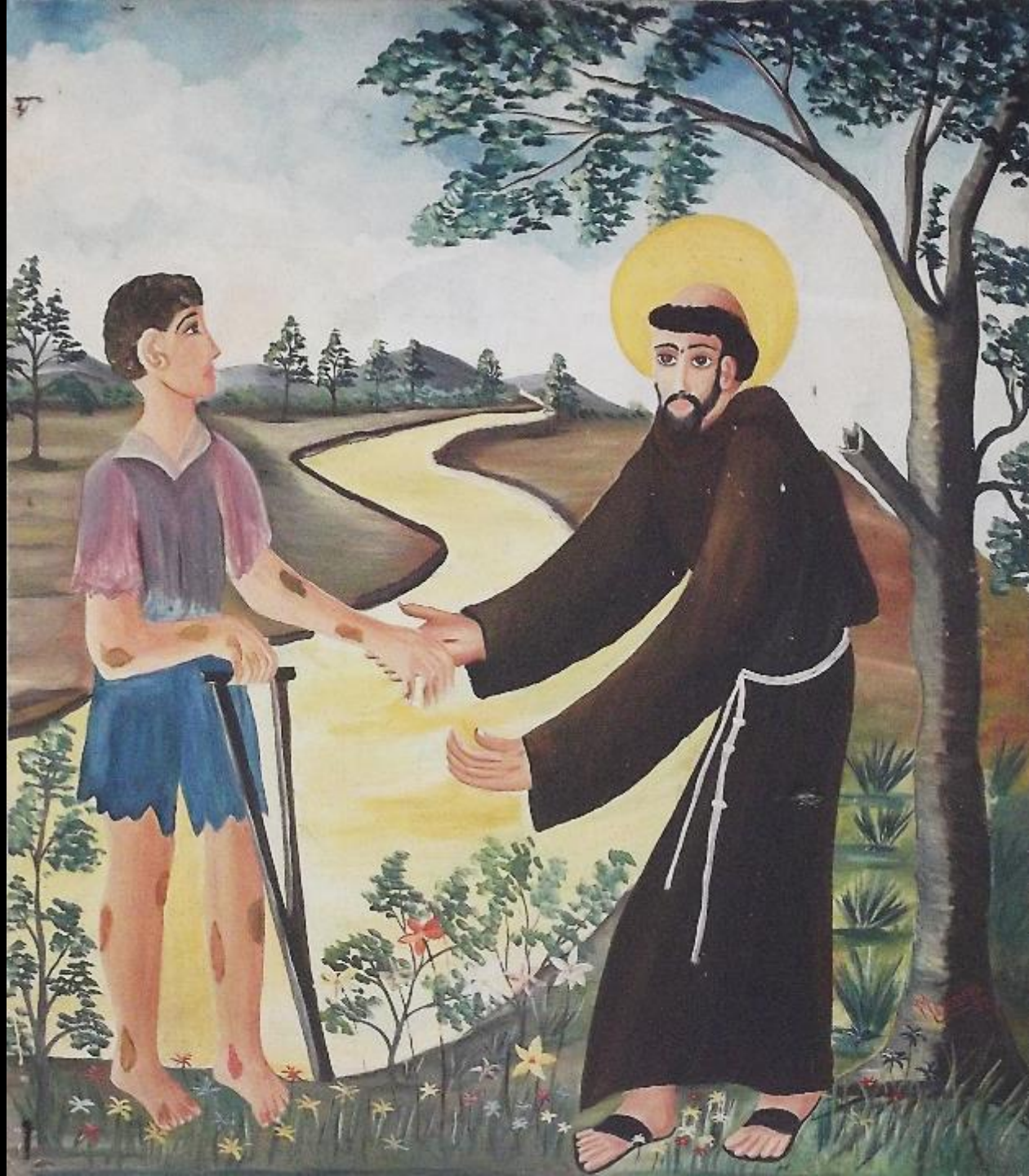
Hunger Mural from Resurrection City, 1968, Washington, DC – National Museum of African-American History and Culture

So faith by itself, if it has no works,
is dead.

James 2:17

Priest reaching out to help
a man with leprosy

Basílica de São Francisco
das Chagas
Caninde, Brazil



... a woman... a Gentile ... whose
little daughter had an unclean spirit
... came and begged him to cast the
demon out of her daughter.

Mark 7:25a, 26a, 25b,
26b



The Canaanite Woman -- Tres Riches Heures du duc de Berry, Musée Condé, Chantilly, France

He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."

Mark 7:27

Jesus and the
Canaanite Woman

Peter Koenig



But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

Mark 7:28



لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ
وَسُجِدَّتْ لَهُ قَائِلَةٌ يَا رَبِّ لِعْتِي فَأَجَابَهَا وَقَالَ

Jesus and the Canaanite Woman

Ilyas Basim Khuri Bazzi Rahib
Walters Art Museum
Baltimore, MD

Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go--the demon has left your daughter."

Mark 7:29

Young Girl of Bethlehem

Charles Verlat
Painting, 1876



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